



October 1 through October 31

Washington State is celebrating its fifteenth annual Archaeology Month, from October 1 through October 31, 2008. Archaeology Month consists of a series of events held in local communities statewide, to create public awareness about Washington's archaeological heritage. Protecting and exploring this archaeological heritage provides us with knowledge of past lifeways, about our ancestors and predecessors as they sought to survive in a rugged, diverse landscape. Please take time this month to reflect upon our ancestors' efforts to build homes, families, and communities; creating ways of living that sustained them in a changing land.

This Activity Guide is designed to provide you with many opportunities to participate and enjoy all the archaeological tours, lectures, site visits, exhibits, craft demonstrations, events, and people making Washington's archaeological heritage something to celebrate and honor. The special events are listed first followed by the month long activities in back. There is something happening in every corner of our state.

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and all event sponsors invite you to share the past with one another during this very special time. We encourage you to explore different events, go on a walking tour, participate in an archaeological site visit, or tour a museum exhibit, and become involved in a shared future that seeks to protect and value our archaeological heritage.

For General Information about Archaeology and Cultural Preservation

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation serves as the state historic preservation office for Washington. Receiving both state and federal support, DAHP's mission is the identification, evaluation, and protection of significant archaeological and historical sites that represent Washington's diverse cultural heritage. Please contact the office at (360) 586-3065 or visit our web page at <http://www.dahp.wa.gov> for more information on protecting archaeology sites in Washington.

Archaeology Month Calendar of Events

Special Events

Saturdays and Sundays beginning October 4

WHERE: **Ridgefield** TIME: Noon--4
WHAT: Cathpotle Plankhouse reconstruction
LOCATION: Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
28908 NW Main Street, Ridgefield

CONTACT: 360-887-4106 www.plankhouse.org

DESCRIPTION: Cathlapotle was one of the largest Chinookan villages encountered by Lewis and Clark, but today it is one of the few archaeological sites on the Lower Columbia River that has withstood the ravages of flooding, looting, and development. A decade of archaeological research -- the result of a partnership between the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#), the [Chinook Tribe](#), and [Portland State University](#) -- has produced a wealth of information about the Chinookan people who lived on the river long before Lewis and Clark first observed Cathlapotle in 1805.

Tuesday, October 7

WHERE: **Beverly** TIME: all day
WHAT: Archaeology Kids Day
LOCATION: Wanapum Heritage Center
15655 Wanapum Lane SW, Beverly

CONTACT: Susan Parker 509-793-1532

DESCRIPTION: Fun activities tailor made for kids. Special displays of Wanapum canoes and demonstrations such as mat weaving, string twining, beading, husk weaving, and flintknapping.

Wednesday, October 8

WHERE: **Beverly** TIME: all day
WHAT: Archaeology Day
LOCATION: Wanapum Heritage Center
15655 Wanapum Lane SW, Beverly

CONTACT: Susan Parker 509-793-1532

DESCRIPTION: Fun activities tailor made for us BIG kids. Special displays of Wanapum canoes and demonstrations such as mat weaving, string twining, beading, husk weaving, and flintknapping. Guest lecturers will talk about Northwest pre-history. Be sure to join us for Lunch!

Saturday, October 11

WHERE: **Ridgefield** TIME: 10 to 4
WHAT: Guided tours and demonstrations
LOCATION: Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
28908 NW Main Street, Ridgefield

CONTACT: 360-887-4106 www.plankhouse.org

DESCRIPTION: Dr. Cameron Smith will be on hand to discuss recent archaeological discoveries at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Later, a guided walking tour of the archaeological site will take place. Also, Dennis Torresdal will be giving a flintknapping demonstration. Guided tours will also be given featuring talks on native plant species and Northwest geology. Cathlapotle was one of the largest Chinookan villages encountered by Lewis and Clark, but today it is one of the few archaeological sites on the Lower Columbia River that has withstood the ravages of flooding, looting, and development. A decade of archaeological research -- the result of a partnership between the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#), the [Chinook Tribe](#), and [Portland State University](#) -- has produced a wealth of information about the Chinookan people who lived on the river long before Lewis and Clark first observed Cathlapotle in 1805.

Saturday, October 11

WHERE: **South Bend** TIME: 9am to 12
WHAT: An Introduction to the Archaeology of Willapa Bay
LOCATION: South Bend High School Library

CONTACT: Steve Rogers 360-942-7990

DESCRIPTION: Dr. Gary Wesson will present an introduction and overview to the archaeological resources and prehistory of the Willapa Bay region. The presentation will address the history of archaeological research, what is currently known about the prehistory of the area, what types of archaeological resources present, and what threatens these resources.

Saturday, October 11

WHERE: **Vancouver** TIME: 1pm to 4
WHAT: Reconstruction of the Ft Vancouver Counting House
LOCATION: Ft. Vancouver National Historic Reserve
1001 East 5th Street, Vancouver

CONTACT: Bob Cromwell 360-816-6253

DESCRIPTION: Recently discovered artifacts from the Fort Vancouver National Historic Reserve will be on display at the newly reconstructed counting house located inside the Fort Vancouver stockade.

Saturday, October 11

WHERE: **Vancouver** TIME: 10am & 1pm
WHAT: Walking Tours of Fort Vancouver
LOCATION: Ft. Vancouver National Historic Reserve
1001 East 5th Street, Vancouver

CONTACT: Bob Cromwell 360-816-6253

DESCRIPTION: Guided walking tours of the Ft. Vancouver National Historic Reserve. Learn the history of this important landscape and how modern activities have altered it.

Saturday, October 11

WHERE: **Vancouver** TIME: 7pm to 8
WHAT: Living History Presentation
LOCATION: Ft. Vancouver National Historic Reserve
1001 East 5th Street, Vancouver

CONTACT: Bob Cromwell 360-816-6253

DESCRIPTION: Tales of the Engage. Step back in time with a campfire program from the 1840's. Join the Engages from the Hudson's Bay Company as they share stories about life at Fort Vancouver.

Sunday, October 12

WHERE: **Ridgefield** TIME: 10 to 4
WHAT: Cathpotle Interpretation and Salmon Bake
LOCATION: Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
28908 NW Main Street, Ridgefield

CONTACT: 360-887-4106 www.plankhouse.org

DESCRIPTION: Ken Ames, Professor of Archaeology with Portland State University will be on hand to discuss recent archaeological discoveries at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Later, a guided walking tour of the archaeological site will take place. Lunch features a traditional salmon bake hosted by elders from the Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes. Pat Gold will be on hand to discuss Native American artwork and textiles. Cathlapotle was one of the largest Chinookan villages encountered by Lewis and Clark, but today it is one of the few archaeological sites on the Lower Columbia River that has withstood the ravages of flooding, looting, and development. A decade of archaeological research -- the result of a partnership between the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#), the [Chinook Tribe](#),

and [Portland State University](#) -- has produced a wealth of information about the Chinookan people who lived on the river long before Lewis and Clark first observed Cathlapotle in 1805.

Thursday, October 16

WHERE: **Kelso** TIME: 7 pm
WHAT: Pioneer Cemeteries of Cowlitz County
LOCATION: Cowlitz County Historical Museum
405 Allen Street, Kelso

CONTACT: David Freece 360-577-3119 www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/museum/

DESCRIPTION: Several community groups have been working hard to ensure that Cowlitz County's Pioneer Cemeteries are being cared for. Representatives from the Catlin Cemetery Restoration Committee, and Stella Historical Society will talk about their efforts, the history of the cemeteries and historic individuals interred in them

Saturday, October 18

WHERE: **Vancouver** TIME: 7pm to 8
WHAT: Living History Presentation
LOCATION: Ft. Vancouver National Historic Reserve
1001 East 5th Street, Vancouver

CONTACT: Bob Cromwell 360-816-6253

DESCRIPTION: Tales of the Engage. Step back in time with a campfire program from the 1840's. Join the Engages from the Hudson's Bay Company as they share stories about life at Fort Vancouver.

Monday, October 20

WHERE: **Olympia** TIME: 12 noon
WHAT: Washington State Historical Society
LOCATION: State Capitol Museum FEE: \$2.00

211 12th Avenue SW
CONTACT: Susan Rohrer 360-586-2580

DESCRIPTION: Sometime in the late 17th Century a Manila Galleon, carrying tons of beeswax and other cargo destined for the colonies of New Spain, wrecked off the Oregon coast near Newhalem. Clatsop Indian oral histories tell of the shipwreck and its survivors. Over time the Indians incorporated the cargo into trading and daily lives. This presentation by Scott Williams will discuss on-going investigations to locate this mysterious wreck and document it.

Saturday, October 25

WHERE: **Bellevue Community College** TIME: 9am to 12
WHAT: The Basics of Historical Research
LOCATION: Bellevue Community College

CONTACT: Rick Vessey 360-586-0219

DESCRIPTION: The Washington State Historical Society is hosting a free workshop on the basics of historical research at the Washington State Archives located on the campus of Bellevue Community College. The Basics of Historical Research is for teachers, students, beginning genealogists, and others interested in exploring the past. You'll get practical advice and learn the basic steps for gathering the information that you will need to investigate and interpret a historical topic for a museum exhibit, class project, community celebration, curriculum enrichment, research article, History Day, a classroom based assessment (CBA), or personal historical interest.

Month-long events

Enjoy these special events that are presented to highlight the archaeological and cultural heritage of Washington.

WHERE: **Bellingham**
WHAT: Whatcom Museum of History and Art, Syre
Education Center
LOCATION: 201 Prospect Street
WHEN: Tuesday - Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Closed Mondays.
CONTACT: 360-676-6981 Homepage:
<http://www.whatcommuseum.org/index.html>.

DESCRIPTION: Glimpse the traditions of Northwest Coastal People from Puget Sound to Alaska in a permanent exhibit. A highlight of the exhibit is the museum's study storage collection of over 200 baskets. Information and interpretative brochures identify artifacts and provide a glimpse into traditional life. Tours are available for school and adult groups, please call for information

WHERE: **Beverly**
WHAT: Wanapum Dam Heritage Center
LOCATION: Hwy 24
CONTACT: 509-754-3541 ext. 2571 for group tour information.

DESCRIPTION: Open seven days a week year-round. Free admission. Exhibits include geological history, lifestyles of the early peoples of the area. View the beautiful handmade cornhusk bags, beaded moccasins, and bear grass baskets displayed along with the original work of the noted sculptor and journalist, Click Relander, author of Drummers and Dreamers, the story of the Wanapum People.

WHERE: **Coulee Dam City**
WHAT: Colville Confederated Tribes Museum
LOCATION: 512 Mead Way

DESCRIPTION: This museum is filled with history collected by the Colville Confederated Tribes (Moses/Columbia, Wenatchee, Okanogan, Entiat-Chelan, Methow, Nez Perce, Palus, Nespelem, Colville, San Poil and Lake). A gift center occupies the ground floor, where you can buy Native crafts, quilts, books, cards, posters, and more related to Native culture.

WHERE: **Coupeville**
WHAT: Discover America's National Historic Reserve
LOCATION: Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve

DESCRIPTION: This rural historic district is a National Park Service unit that preserves an unbroken historical record of 19th century Puget Sound exploration and settlement. The reserve is open all the time for driving, biking or walking. Tune your car radio to 1610 AM for information. Homepage: <http://www.nps.gov/ebia/>

WHERE: **Kamilche**
WHAT: Kamilche Museum Library and Resource Center
LOCATION: Old Olympic Highway at Kamilche

DESCRIPTION: The museum tells the story of the People of the Water through a series of exhibits and displays depicting the relationship between Squaxin Island Tribal members and the seven inlets of Southern Puget Sound. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday.

WHERE: **La Conner**
WHAT: Skagit County Historical Museum,
LOCATION: 501 South 4th Street

DESCRIPTION: The south wing of the Skagit County Historical Museum displays exhibits of Swinomish and other local Coast Salish Native American artifacts including baskets, tools, photographs, and dress. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 to 5 pm. Contact staff at (360) 466-3365 for details.

WHERE: **Lynden**

WHAT: Lynden Pioneer Museum
LOCATION: 217 Front Street
CONTACT: (360) 354-3675 Homepage:
<http://www.lyndenpioneermuseum.com/>

DESCRIPTION: Check out the permanent exhibit on local archaeology and the history of the region. Over 300 artifacts on display represent the basketry and daily tools of Native American and pioneers of the area. Contact staff at (360) 354-3675 for more information.

WHERE: **Moses Lake**
WHAT: Moses Lake Museum and Art Center
LOCATION: 228 West Third Avenue, Moses Lake
CONTACT: Freya Hart PHONE: 509-766-9395
agolden@ci.moses-lake.wa.us http://www.mlrec.com/index.php?page_id=36

FREE

DESCRIPTION: Pick up your copy of the new brochure called "Driven by the Past" a historical tour of Grant counties historic cemeteries. The Moses Lake Museum & Art Center has one of the largest collections of early Native American stone tools in the Columbia Basin which include thousands of projectile points, mortars, pestles, mauls, net weights, scrapers, and drills. This collection was gathered over the life time of Adam East, amateur archaeologist. Even though he explored the majority of the Americas, his attention was especially drawn to the central Washington area. East donated this extensive collection to the Moses Lake Museum & Art Center in 1955 and a portion is currently on display along with the story of Adam East.

WHERE: **Neah Bay**
WHAT: Makah Cultural & Research Center,
LOCATION: Bayview Avenue, Highway 112
CONTACT: 360-645-2711 Homepage:
<http://www.makah.com/museum.htm>.

DESCRIPTION: The Makah Museum is the nation's sole repository for archaeological discoveries from the Makah coastal village of Ozette. The centuries-old village was located 15 miles south of present-day Neah Bay. Ozette served the Makah people as a year-round home well into the twentieth century. The thousands of artifacts recovered from Ozette have helped recreate the Makah's rich and exciting history as whalers, sealers, fishermen, hunters, gatherers, craftspeople, basketweavers, spinners, and warriors. The museum exhibits feature dioramas depicting marine environments and a full-sized longhouse. The exhibits are accompanied by the sounds of birds, waves, and, in the longhouse, conversation and singing in the Makah language. Many of the articles in the exhibits, such as whaling and sealing implements can be handled. The Makah Museum is open to the public 7 days a week from Memorial Day through September 15th, and closed Monday and Tuesday from September 16th through Memorial Day.

WHERE: **Olympia**
WHAT: Washington State Capital Museum
LOCATION: 211 West 21st Street
WHEN: Tuesdays–Fridays, 10am–4pm, Fridays & Saturdays, 12–4pm
CONTACT: 360-753-2580. Homepage:
<http://www.wshs.org/wscm/>

DESCRIPTION: Featuring two floors of exhibits, the museum offers interpretations of regional Native American history and a series of interesting temporary exhibits. The gardens surrounding the museum mansion feature a sample of native Northwest plants and an ethnobotanical garden. Admission is free to members, or \$2 for adults, \$1.75 for seniors, \$5 per family and \$1 for children over 6.

WHERE: **OREGON STATE**
WHAT: Oregon Celebrates Archaeology Month
LOCATION: various
http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/%7Eeosma/aoa/Cal%20of%20Events_08.pdf

WHERE: **Pullman**
WHAT: WSU Museum of Anthropology
LOCATION: College Hall
CONTACT: 509-339-3536

DESCRIPTION: See archaeological collections that have been recovered from archaeological sites in Eastern Washington. The collections represent a record of the last 11,000 years of human occupation of the Plateau region of Northwestern America. This is one of the most extensive collections of Native American artifacts from the Plateau. Contact staff at (509) 339-3536 for hours and more information.

WHERE: **Seattle**
WHAT: Wing Luke Asian Museum
LOCATION: 407 Seventh Avenue South
WHEN: Tuesdays–Fridays 11-4pm, weekends 12-4pm
CONTACT: (206) 623-5124 or visit
<http://www.wingluke.org/index.htm>

DESCRIPTION: The Wing Luke Museum engages the Asian Pacific American Communities and the public in exploring issues related to the culture, art, and history of Asian Pacific Americans. The Wing Luke Asian Museum collects and preserves artifacts, photographs, archives and oral histories pertaining to the history, culture and art of the Asian Pacific American community. The collection and resource library is open to the public.

WHERE: **Skykomish**
WHAT: Iron Goat Trail Interpretive Hike – Railroad Archaeology
WHERE: Skykomish Ranger Station
LOCATION: one mile east of Skykomish on SR-12
CONTACT: 206-517-3019.

DESCRIPTION: Stroll into the past on the Iron Goat Trail as it follows the abandoned Great Northern Railway route near Stevens Pass. Enjoy the natural beauty of the area and get glimpses of a key part of Washington's history. This award-winning trail will win

your heart. Plan to come again with your friends and enjoy this trail through the seasons. The hike will last 3 to 6 hours depending upon weather. No advanced signup is needed.

WHERE: **South Cle Elum**
WHAT: Self-guided Archaeological Walking Tours (John Wayne Ironhorse Trail)
LOCATION: S. Cle Elum Depot, 801 Milwaukee Ave, S. Cle Elum

DESCRIPTION: Walk the ruins of a historic railyard and discover Washington's rich railroad history. See first-hand preservation efforts of culturally significant archaeology and historic buildings. Learn about the advancement of railroad technology and how Washington played a role in these developments.

WHERE: **Suquamish**
WHAT: Suquamish Tribal Museum,
LOCATION: Two miles south on SR305 at the west end of the Agate Pass Bridge.
CONTACT: (360) 598-3311

DESCRIPTION: Old Man House: People and the Way of Life at D'Suq'Wub. Explore and learn about the cultural traditions of the Suquamish Tribe by touring exhibits about Old Man House and tribal culture and artifacts.

WHERE: **Tacoma**
WHAT: Washington State History Museum
LOCATION: 1911 Pacific Avenue
CONTACT: 253-272-3500 or visit <http://www.wshs.org>.

DESCRIPTION: Colorful, interactive exhibits and walk-through dioramas depict the natural setting, the lifestyle and culture of the first inhabitants, exploration and settlement of the region, and the important people and milestone events that have shaped our state. For more museum information call (253) 272-3500

WHERE: **Toppenish**
WHAT: Yakama Nation Cultural Center
CONTACT: 509-865-2800

DESCRIPTION: The Yakama Nation Cultural Center has ongoing exhibits and programs that detail the rich history and culture of the Yakama Nation. These exhibits illustrate the rich and complex cultures of Native American lifestyles. The center also features a restaurant, gift shop, and RV facilities.

WHERE: **Wenatchee**
WHAT: Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center,
LOCATION: 127 South Mission Street
CONTACT: 509-664-3340.

DESCRIPTION: View the museum's Rock Art and Native American exhibits including petroglyphs and artifacts from 11,000 years of Native American life along the Columbia River.

WHERE: **Wenatchee**
WHAT: Rocky Reach Visitor Center,
LOCATION: Seven miles north of Wenatchee on Hwy 97
CONTACT: 509-663-7522

DESCRIPTION: Visit the Rocky Reach Visitor Center and learn about the results of archaeological excavations at the Stemilt Village site. This exhibit contains pictures of the site at the various stages of data recovery. Tools and other artifacts used by the village residents and a replica of one of the many housepits, illustrate the lifestyle of the time.

The Activity Guide has been financed, in part, with federal funds from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Bureau of Land Management, Washington State Department of Transportation Environmental

Services Program, Puget Sound Energy, and is administered by the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

The contents and opinions, however, do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Department of the Interior. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1973, the Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, or disability in its federally assisted programs. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information, please write to:

Office of Equal Opportunity
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240